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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. WAHEED ABDULLAH HAS INFORMED US THAT HE IS DEPARTING KABL SEPTEMBER 23 AND ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 27 VIA STOPS IN MOSCOW AND PARIS. ABDULLAH IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S (GOA) TALK AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 29. ABDULLAH HAS ASKED US FOR THE STATUS OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN THE STATES SO THAT HE CAN PLAN HIS CALENDAR.

2. AS YOU KNOW CHANCELLOR ROSKENS AND TOM GOUTIERRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (OMAHA) HAVE INVITED ABDULLAH TO COME TO OMAHA. I THINK THAT MICHAEL AUSTRIAN SHOULD CALL TOM GOUTIERRE AND SUGGEST THAT ABDULLAH BE INVITED TO COME OUT TO NEBRASKA ON THE 30TH FOR WHATEVER ACTIVITIES NEBRASKA WOULD LIKE TO PLAN. ON THAT DAY OR ON OCTOBER 1ST, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE A VIP VISIT TO SAC HEADQUARTERS (AN HOUR FROM OMAHA) ARRANGED FOR ABDULLAH, THEN ON SATURDAY THE 2ND, ABDULLAH MIGHT ATTEND THE NEBRASKA-MIAMI FOOTBALL GAME IN LINCOLN. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, I THINK YOU OR AUSTRIAN SHOULD GO WITH HIM.

3. ABDULLAH HAS ALSO MENTIONED HIS DESIRE TO VISIT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. TO BE CANDID, I AM DUBIOUS AS TO WHETHER HARVARD

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CAN PRODUCE THE KIND OF ATTENTION AND TREATMENT WHICH WAHEED

EXPECTS, PARTICULARLY AFTER GETTING WHAT I AM SURE WILL BE THE RED CARPET TREATMENT IN NEBRASKA. HOWEVER, ONE THOUGHT THAT OCCURS TO ME IS AN INVITATION FROM THE BOWIE SEMINAR AT HARVARD TO WHICH A NUMBER OF OUR SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. (OUR RECENT LITERATURE ON SENIOR TRAINING DOES NOT MENTION THE BOWIE SEMINAR AND IT MAY NO LONGER EXISTS.) PERHAPS MICHAEL COULD CHECK WITH THEM TO SEE JUST WHAT COULD BE LAID ON. IF A PROGRAM IS POSSIBLE, ABDULLAH COULD STOP IN CAMBRIDGE ON THE WAY BACK FROM NEBRASKA. AUSTRIAN SHOULD ALSO CHECK WITH SALJOOQUE AT THE AFGHAN EMBASSY BEFORE CONTACTING HARVARD TO SEE IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR ABOUT A PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN BOSTON.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT SEEMS TO BE IN THE OFFING SO THAT WE CAN ADVISE ABDULLAH.
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